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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 209

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 22, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Commendation for Valor License Plates.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Landske

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Commendation for Valor license plate. The bill specifies that an individual is eligible to receive a plate by: (1) presenting certification to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) from the United States Department of Defense that the individual is the recipient of a medal or commendation for valor while serving in the United States Armed Forces; and (2) paying a certain fee for the plate.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: PEN PRODUCTS, the manufacturing arm of prison-made products, will charge the BMV \$3.67 per plate if the plate is a multi-color plate, \$3.19 per plate for a truck plate and other one-color plates, \$3.55 for a standard plate, or \$2.70 for a motorcycle plate. The funds affected are the PEN PRODUCTS Revolving Fund and the Motor Vehicle Highway Account (MVHA), which supports the BMV.

There is no fee in addition to the regular registration fee for the plate. It is unknown at this time the number of individuals who might qualify or choose to purchase the new license plate.

Explanation of State Revenues: The bill provides for the Commendation for Valor license plate to also be issued as a personalized license plate (PLP) if the purchaser so decides. Since an individual can request a PLP for a number of plates currently offered by the BMV, allowing an individual to request a Commendation for Valor PLP is not expected to result in a significant increase in the number of PLP requests or additional revenue from PLP fees.

Currently the BMV charges an additional fee of \$48 for a PLP. Of this amount, \$37 is deposited in the State License Branch Fund, \$7 for the Motor Vehicle Highway Account (MVHA), and \$4 for the Crossroads 2000 Fund.

Background Information: Uses of the three funds include the following:

- (1) MVHA: Construction, reconstruction, and maintenance, purchase of rental and repair of highway equipment, painting of bridges, land acquisition, and construction of storage buildings.
- (2) Crossroads 2000: Highway bonding projects.
- (3) State License Branch Fund: Operation of license branches throughout the state.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Bureau of Motor Vehicles; PEN PRODUCTS.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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